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Dear Colonel Perry:

Thank you for your letter of 15 March 1985, requesting access to certain CIA-originated material at the Lyndon B. Johnson Library for a Department of the Army historian working on the official historical study, MACV: The Joint Command. I'll enclose a copy of my letter to Dr. Humphrey at the Johnson Library, authorizing the access you requested for Dr. Graham A. Cosmas. This authorization will be good to the end of his research on this study of the Vietnam War.

Please note that the Department of the Army, Center of Military History, must certify directly to the Johnson Library all the clearances that Dr. Cosmas expects to use. Once these clearances are certified, Dr. Humphrey can arrange access to CIA-originated files relevant to Dr. Cosmas's study, up to the level of his clearances.

I'll also enclose a copy of our "CIA Records Access Policy" statement, which explains our procedures. As this statement notes in paragraph three, Dr. Cosmas is free to take notes and to have copies made of CIA documents, so long as the Johnson Library collects and sends these notes and copies to this office. After CIA review, we'll send you the documents and notes released, and notify you of any material that cannot be released. The usual caveats, as noted in the policy statement, apply concerning further CIA review before the declassification, downgrading or publication of any released CIA material.

Please let me know if I can offer any further information or help.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ J. Kenneth McDonald

J. Kenneth McDonald  
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Enclosures

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